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Thursday, January 25, 2007

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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 21

Subject Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with LUCIER CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD, dba, LCI, LTD, Jacksonville Beach, FL, for fluorosilicic acid for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$331,100, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$380,765 for the first extension option and \$437,880 for the second extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,149,745

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$220,734 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining four months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

For More Information Steve Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021

Purchasing Language Lowest bid of two bids received **MBE/WBE** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified, therefore no goals were established for this solicitation

This contract will provide the Austin Water Utility with a readily available supply of fluorosilicic. The fluorosilicic acid will be delivered to and used at the Green, Davis and Ullrich water treatment plants. A solution of fluorosilicic acid and water is added to the drinking water to reduce the incidence of dental problems relating to tooth and bone deterioration. The City of Austin residents voted to add fluoride to the drinking water in a City-wide referendum in 1972.

The product complies with American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard B703 and National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Standard 60 which governs additives for the treatment of drinking water

MBE/WBE solicited 1/3 MBE/WBE bid 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS a Adequate competition b Seventy-two notices were sent. There are no MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity. Four solicitations were issued. Two bids were received. There were two "No Bids" received in the pricing offered represents a 52% increase from the last contract award in December 2005. The increase can be attributed to increases in the manufacturer's production cost and fuel transportation.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a Lowest bid b The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award c Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet